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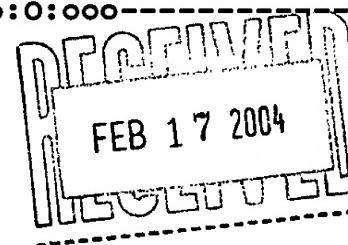
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Application of :  
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Serial No. 09/916,519 : Group Art Unit - 2882  
Filed: July 27, 2001 : Examiner - Hoon K. Song  
For: X-RAY FLUORESCENCE :  
THICKNESS MEASUREMENT :  
DEVICE : Docket No. S004-4357

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Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, and requests that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on February 3, 2004. This is an extension request for replying to the October 3 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the October 3 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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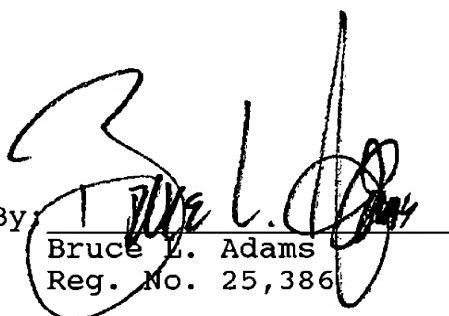
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Respectfully submitted,

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